

minister who is holding meetings in a hall in this place. It has never been clear to me how the bottom of the Red Sea was so quickly dried before the Israelites passed over dry shod. But the preacher made it all plain by saying the water as it rolled up on either side was congealed, (frozen) and it being so cold, we infer that the ground underneath them was frozen dry. If so, those poor little children and babies must have nearly perished during the three hours among all that ice. I wonder if it was so cold when the children of Israel crossed the Jordan? Again, according to his theory, God's order must have been reversed. God's order was forward, and the preacher got even in backward—just jumped or plunged in and out again quick, and yet it required three hours to the sea with one action. Said the Spirit, water and blood are one. John 5:8.

W. A. HARMAN.

#### PERU, IND.

While our pen has been silent, our heart and hands have been busy. The afflictions of our dear wife have given us much anxiety and has been much against us in our work, yet we feel truly thankful to the giver of all good, that her health is improving, and we hope the time is not far distant when her health will be fully restored. Since our last report there have been two accessions at Enterprise, by confession and baptism. One at Claypool by confession, at our last visit at that place. At our last visit at Tiosa, we report three, one by relation and two by confession. Will be baptized at our next meeting, and the good work goes on. I am truly glad to hear of the good work done through the entire brotherhood. Brethren, let us not be weary in well doing. The Lord has promised to bless us, and he will. We feel thankful that the Lord is answering the prayers of his children at the different mission points. Dear brethren and sisters, let us pray earnestly for those brethren and sisters that are making the sacrifice at the different mission points. Pray for us in our afflictions and our work. God bless you all.

Fraternally yours,

D. A. HOPKINS.

#### COMMUNION NOTICE.

The Brethren at Tiosa will hold their spring communion on Saturday evening, May 1. All of like precious faith are cordially invited to come and be with us. Divine services Sunday morning and evening following.

D. A. HOPKIN, Pastor.

A modern genius—A man who can do nothing, and do it well.

#### GOSHEN, IND.

Resolved, that the First Brethren church of Goshen desire to express the deepest gratitude to Brethren Furry and Yoder for their efficient work of love among us, assuring them of our best regards and brotherly love.

Resolved, that we owe to the Brethren churches of Warsaw and Fairview, a debt of gratitude for having graciously sent us their pastors, and that we hope that they may be richly rewarded in the "sweet by-and-by."

Resolved, that we thank the Christian people of Goshen for the kindly feeling and interest manifested toward us and their neighborly assistance during the recent revival services, and especially thank our brethren of the Central Christian church for the use of their baptistery.

WM. H. WAGONER,

H. J. SCHROCK, Deacons.

#### WASHINGTON, D. C.

I bring you good news. Sister Laura Grossnickle has been with us and preached sixteen sermons. Three were baptized at the close of the meetings, one of the number being our highly esteemed and widely known W. B. Stoddard, the great lecturer on anti-secrecy. No doubt many of the EVANGELIST readers are acquainted with him and his work and have heard him lecture. I had the pleasure of baptizing his wife nearly two years ago. If all of your readers knew brother and sister Stoddard as well as we know them, we feel sure that you would not wonder that we thus make special mention of them.

We all feel much encouraged. The prospects are good and we expect soon to be able to report other accessions. We are compelled to labor under very many disadvantages, and yet the Lord is blessing the work. Perhaps sister Laura will write and tell you some of the disadvantages referred to. We feel to thank her for her visit. She has made many friends and has a warm place in the hearts of the members and friends of the Brethren church in Washington city. Come again, dear sister; you will find the latch-string out all the time.

But I can not close without speaking of the visit of brother Jos. E. Parsons, of Johnstown, Pa. He was with us for three nights during the meeting and made many friends while here. I wish that I might tell you of all the substantial encouragement he gave us. (I will give particulars later.) And last, but not least, let me in this way also refer to the interest of the Johnstown church in behalf of the cause in this city. They are contributing \$5.00 per month. If a few other congregations

could do likewise it would be of very great service to the Master's cause here. We hope that the time will come before so long that we can not only be self supporting, but be able to help others. But so far we are much hampered for lack of means. Brethren pray for us and help hold up our hands.

Fraternally,

W. M. LYON.

April 20, 1897.

#### HAGERSTOWN, MD.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper, as it was instituted by Christ, will be duly observed by this congregation on Sunday, May 9, at six o'clock sharp, to which all of like precious faith are most cordially invited. A silver collection will be lifted.

The following is a brief summary of the parochial report for the year ending April 1, 1897: Sermons delivered, 156; pastoral visits, 144; baptisms, 25; by letter, 37; total, 62; marriages, 8; deaths, 4; removals, 1; withdrawals, 1; dismissals, 1; total membership, 114.

The revival began here the 11 inst., and will probably continue until Communion service. Two received the rite of apostolic baptism at the Sunrise service Easter Sunday morning. The services continue well attended, and a deep spiritual interest is manifest. We shall deliver four sermons and a Chalk Talk on baptism, also four more touching on Feet-Washing, The Supper, Christian Dress, and the Polity of the Church. Please remember the work in prayer.

The mission work at Waynesboro promises to become self-sustaining as a station in the near future. A most desirable site has been selected and purchased, and work on the church proper is expected to begin soon. Any one wishing to lend a helping hand in this work will please correspond with brother Chas. Snider of that place.

ZED. H. COPP.

#### HUDSON, IOWA.

At our Easter services yesterday morning after the sermon, two men made the start. One a backslider, the other had never made confession. Resurrection day for them indeed!

Fraternally,

J. L. GILLIN.

#### AKRON, IND.

The Brethren comprising the Edna Mills congregation will hold a communion June 17. Brethren Swihart and Teeter will please take notice. All are invited.

B. H. FLORA, Pastor.

Growing Christians are little it their own eyes: grown Christians are less than nothing.